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THE WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENTS ON THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

CC Docket No. 92-237

CC Docket No. 99-200

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS DUE: March 21, 2008

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: March 28, 2008

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks comment on the technical requirements document that will be used in preparing the solicitation for the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's (NANPA's) next term of administration.

The NANPA is the impartial numbering administrator responsible for making telecommunications numbers available on an equitable basis. On July 9, 2003, NeuStar, Inc. was awarded the federal contract to serve as the NANPA for a total of five years. The contract is renewable annually and expires July 8, 2008. In order to have an impartial entity continue to administer the North American Numbering Plan, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) must select a NANPA for another contract term. The entity selected to serve as the NANPA will manage the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) resources in accordance with the terms and conditions of a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) based contract.

At the Bureau's request, the North American Numbering Council (NANC), the federal advisory committee on numbering matters, examined the existing technical requirements document for the NANPA, as updated by NeuStar. On February 29, 2008, the NANC forwarded its proposed technical requirements document to the Deputy Bureau Chief. The Bureau has reviewed and slightly modified that proposed document. It is anticipated that the technical requirements document will form the basis for a Statement of Work in the solicitation for the NANPA. For this reason, the public notice seeks comment on those technical requirements. The NANC's technical requirements document, as modified, does not, in any way reflect the position of the Commission as to the final technical requirements or contract terms for the anticipated solicitation.

¹ 47 U.S.C. §251(e). See also 47 C.F.R. § 52.13.

² The FAR governs the acquisition by contract of supplies and services for the use of the Federal Government.

The Technical Requirements Document is attached and can also be accessed through the Commission's Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS) search via the Internet at http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/SilverStream/Pages/edocs.html. When using EDOCS, insert the DA number from the top of this item in the appropriate field and hit the query button. Comments must specifically address whether the technical requirements are sufficiently detailed, comprehensive, and clear, and whether they adequately describe the duties and scope of the NANPA responsibilities.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, comments from interested parties are due on or before **March 21, 2008**, and reply comments from interested parties are due on or before **March 28, 2008**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). All comments must reference **CC Docket No. 92-237 and CC Docket No. 99-200**. If filing paper copies, send an original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and three copies to Gary Remondino, Competition Policy Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-C143, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address> ." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. After filing your comments electronically, please notify Gary Remondino at Gary.Remondino@fcc.gov that comments have been filed.

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Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is

generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) as well.

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